

**To:** KHPA Board Members

**From:** Robin Kempf, Inspector General

**Re:** Proposed mission statement for the KHPA Office of the Inspector General

**Date:** October 16, 2007

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**Background and Staff Recommendation:**

A logical first step in establishing the new KHPA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) seemed to be to assess stakeholder expectations about the role of the OIG. After determining what outcomes were expected from the OIG, a mission statement could be articulated to help ensure the OIG was launched in the correct direction.

I have had opportunity to meet with the three members of the Finance and Audit Committee, Senator Derek Schmidt, the sponsoring legislator, and the KHPA executive team, among others. I have also read the enacting legislation, 2007 SB 11, about 15 times. Using the language from SB 11 as a primary base, I crafted the mission statement below with an attempt to reflect the priorities I heard during my “listening tour.”

This mission statement was presented to the Finance and Audit Committee at its October 11, 2007 meeting with a staff recommendation of approval. The Committee now recommends acceptance of the mission statement by the Board.

**Proposed Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Office of Inspector General is to provide increased accountability and integrity in the Kansas Health Policy Authority’s programs and operations, to help improve those programs and operations, and to identify and deter fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts in the state Medicaid Program, the State MediKan Program and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. The Office will do so through performance reviews, audits, and investigations.